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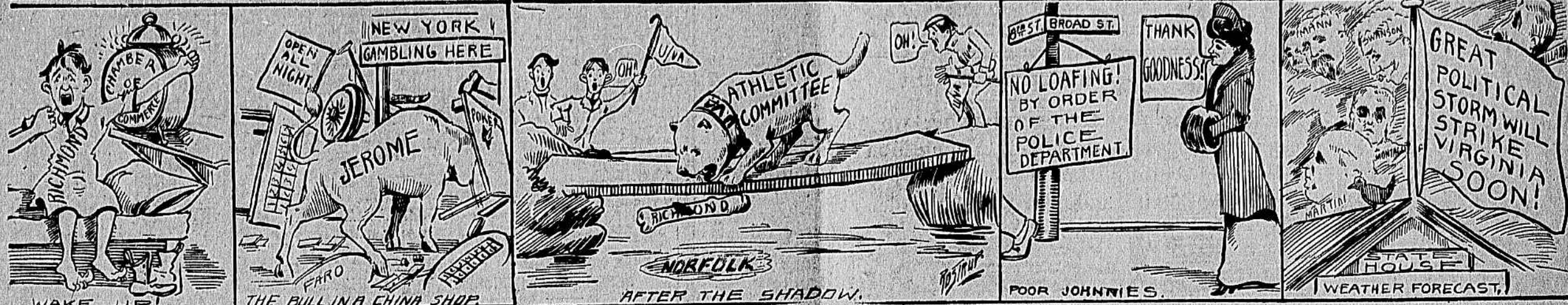
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GETTING WORST OF FIGHT, HE USES DEADLY KNIFE

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According to the report made by Captain Couch, of the Cearense, when two days out from Barbados, Baumann got into an argument with another coal trimmer, named Maguire. Hot words were followed by blows, and Baumann was getting the worst of it when, it is alleged, he drew a knife and plunged it into Maguire's abdomen. The wounded man died within a few minutes. His body was buried at sea.

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The Bosch (or Wood) is a park nearly two miles long, a short distance out of the Hague. It abounds in forest trees which are allowed to grow undisturbed.

At the end of the park is the palace known as the Huis Ten Bosch (the house in the woods), built in 1611. It contains many old and valuable paintings.

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Mrs. Linch received her notice of dismissal yesterday and caught the first train for Washington. Her trip availed her nothing, however, for Mr. Spillman told her, gently, but firmly, that he could not reconsider his action. Insubordination and inefficiency are the causes assigned for her dismissal.

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It is known here authoritatively that no effort is to be made for a pardon for the condemned man, nor will the Governor be asked to commute the sentence to life imprisonment in the State penitentiary. It was ascertained to-night that McCue's attorneys have not decided yet where an application will be made for a short reprieve, but this will probably be the decision when Mr. Lee can be consulted.

If Governor Montague will act favorably upon a petition for a reprieve, then it is regarded as a strong probability that a supplementary petition will be filed before the Supreme Court of Appeals on Thursday of this week.

It is not expected that this amended petition will bring out any new exceptions, but that it will deal differently and more fully with several of the exceptions embraced in the original petition, which was refused by the court. It is deducted here from this that McCue's counsel have abandoned all hope of saving the man from the gallows if favorable action cannot be secured upon the proposed supplementary petition.

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Dr. Alderman questioned each member of the Athletic Committee present, and there can be no doubt that the trend of the questions was in the direction of proposing to Richmond a plan under which the proposed game may be built agreeably both to Richmond and to the University authorities.

More than once President Alderman spoke of his regard for Richmond and his desire to end the present disagreement in an amicable fashion. He said that for sentimental reasons Richmond and the Thanksgiving game were ever associated in his mind.

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